UP TO DATE SPORTS Merito Acosta Is Now Hitting Like Major Leaguer in Cuba

SAYS ACOSTA MAY BE ABLE FOR GRIFFS

Jose Massaguer Writes That Wee Cuban Outfielder Is Hitting Ball Like Major Leaguer in Cuba.

Manager Griffith Pleased to Learn That Youngsetr Is Making Good and Predicts Brilliant Future for Him.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

Merito Acosta, the wee Cuban outfielder, is going to make a strong bid for a regular berth with the Griffmen this season, if his work this winter in Cuba counts for anything.

According to information received here today from Jose Massaguer, the baseball scribe, who visited Charlottesville with Acosta and Calvo, when they first joined the Washington Club, the midget is leading Armando Marsans in the esteem of the Havana populace.

"Acosta is hitting like a real big leaguer," writes Massaguer, "even better than Marsans, and his hits are clean, healthy line drives. I think he is now about ripe for a berth with the Nationals."

Acosta is playing with the Havana

there are many alleged Cuban teams playing independent ball in the United States, most of themare composed of colored players who never saw Cuba except on the cover of a cigar box. Massauger's outhit will be composed of genuine white Cubans, champions of their league there this season. Already they have there this season. Already they have been scheduled to play the Chicago Cubs at Tampa. March 20, and will takele Brocklyn at Daytona. Fla., the Cincinnati Reds at Covington. La. and the trackers at Atlanta. It is possible that the Hayans Reds may visit Washington before returning to Cuba, and Massaguer has written Manager Griffith, asking for the use of the ball park here in case the Griffmen happen to be on the road.

Manager Jue Birmingham, of the Cleveland American League club, will have only twenty-seven in his party at the spring training camp at San Antonio, Tex. The list includes: Catchers-O'Neill, Egan, Devogt, Bill-

Pitchers—Mitchell, Steen, Blanding, Morton, Jonea, Coombs, Walker, Bowman, and Harstad.

Infielders—Wood, Shields, Rodgers, Wambsganns, Chapman, Thomas, Turner, and Barbare.
Outlielders—Jackson, Leibold, Braney, Smith, and Birmingham.

Emil Meusel, the young outlielder sent to Minneapolis by Clark Griffith, is bolding out for \$600 more on the contract tendered him by Joe Cantillon, Meusel is wintering in El Centro, Cal., and thinks that he is worth \$500 more. He may come back to the Griffmen next September, if he continues to show improvement. He is a mere boy, not yet twenty-one years old, and has a brillight of the different distribution of the honors in five of eight of the different classes. The honors of the meet go first to Memorial, A. C. for winning the meets go first to Memorial, and Paxton, of the Y. M. C. A. Individual work by both the "Y" wrestler and the club member in winning bouts in two classes was commendated took the measure of Cunningham and Hoof in the 165 and 155 pound class, while Paxton won the 115 pound class, while Paxton won the 115 pound class. The summary follows:

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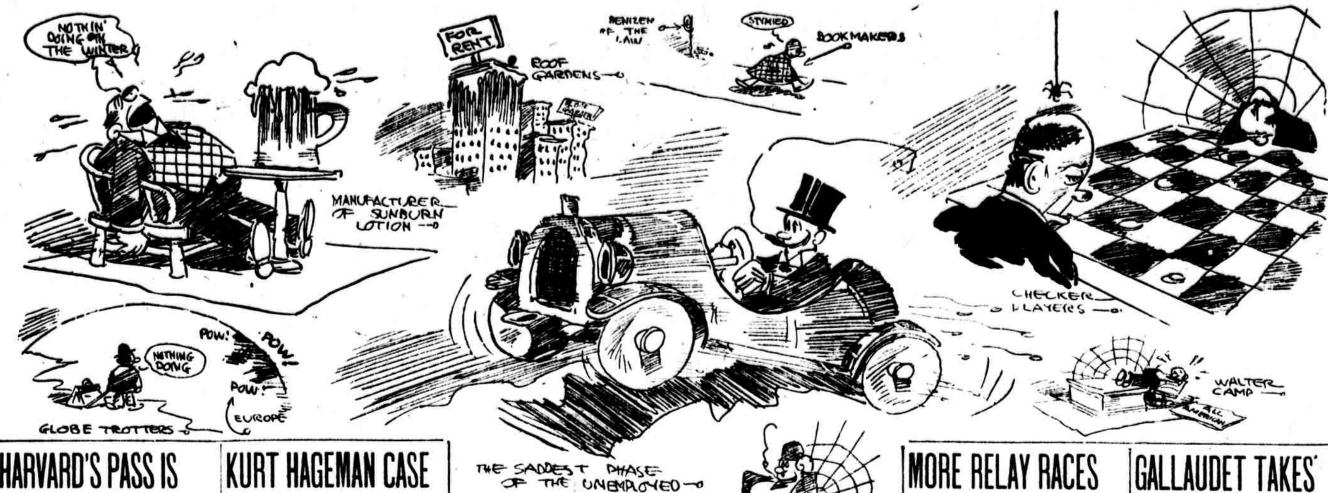
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Hughey Jennings will take South with tim the following players:
Pitchers—Boehler, Boland, Cunning-ham, Dubus, Dauss, Reynolds, Ledbetter, Cavet, Covaleskie, Oldham, Smith

Catchers-Stanage, Baker, McKee, Intelders—Bush, Fuller, Kavanaugh, Burns, Moriarty, Vitt, and Young, Outfielders—Cobb, Crawford, Jacob-son, Nicholson, and Veach.

Bill Donovan, of the Yankees, has made Joe Lannin an offer for Bau-mann, a young infielder, who received a trial with the Tigers in 1913, and played in Providence last season played in Providence last season. Bau-mann hit for 282 last year and fielded for 943 at third base. Donovan says that Baumann is a very fast man and can do better than he did last year. If the player is signed by the Yankees Donovan will take care that the deal shall not so through on a Friday.





SCORED AT MEETING

Desire Is for Interference to Appellate Division Reverses Stop With Whistle, Not Practiced by Crimson.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6 .- At the annual brought up.

the committee, Paul J. Dashiell, Navy: It is manifest that many of the hit 350, or even 300 for me, he'll find a place, all right."

Massaguer is going to bring the Haven and Reds to this country this spring, playing exhibition games as far west as the Pacific Coast, if he can hook up the necessary teams. While there are many alleged Cuban teams

WIN OWN TOURNEY

Marshall and Paxton Are Individual Stars of Meet. Scoring Double Victories.

Memorial A. C. is today winner of its own wrestling tournament, grabbing off the honors in five of eight of the differ-

120-pound class-S. Berket, Memorial. ys. Perrone, Memorial; won by Perrone, 125-pound class-Frene, Memorial, vs.

Elizadde, Y. M. C. A.; won by Frene, 135-pound class—R. Beckert, Memorial, s. Jordan, Memorial; won by Beckert. 145-pound class—Paxton, Y. M. C. A., vs. Hull, Gallaudet; won by Paxton, 5:05

158-pound class—Paxton, Y. M. C. A., vs. Miller, Memorial; won by Paxton, Heavyweight class-Buckner, Y. M. C. A., vs. Davis, Gallaudet; won by Buckner, 12:00 (decision).

Yankees will be played on April 7, and the Boston Red Sox on April 12, just before they come here to open the 1915 campaign.

the player is signed by the Yankees Denovan will take care that the deal shall not go through on a Friday.

"This fellow is the most superstitious player I ever knew," explained Wild Bill. "He was handicapped all last year by the feeling that he couldn't make good because he joined the club on a Friday."

Jack Dunn, the Richmond International league mogal, says that he has drunk more of his beer than any man in this city."

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tional league mogul, says that he has been cromised three or four players for his citie in the Virginia capital. Two are pitchers, and one an infielder, all row the property of American League papers passing yesterday. The Yanka clubs Dunn has arranged two more exhibition games. The New York rankers that the property of American League papers passing yesterday. The Yanka chave been ordered to report at Savan-sahibition games. The New York rankers that the property of American League papers passing yesterday. The Yanka chave been ordered to report at Savan-sahibition games. The New York rankers that the magnates pulled an admitted and the consolation are pitchers, and one an infielder, all representations are now the property of American League papers passing yesterday. The Yanka continuous co

KURT HAGEMAN CASE REOPENED BY COURT

Original Decision Against Boston Red Sox Pitcher.

NEW YORK. Feb. 6.-The baseball meeting of the football rules committee, contract, as used by organized baseopening yesterday at the Biltmore and ball before the Fed war, was given continuing through today, the need of hard knock yesterday, when, by a vote standardizing the forward pass was of three to two, the appellate division reversed a judgment of the suprome The Harvard system was under fire court, and holds that the Baseball to the extent that the Harvard men Players' Fraternity, Inc., in its suit objected to stopping the interference at to recover \$1,480 from the Boston the sound of the referee's whistle. This American League ball club on an asis a point that has been brought up not signed claim of Kurt M. Hageman, the alone by the officials but also by the pitcher, known as Casey Hageman, the smaller colleges. Certain of the officials pitcher, for money due on a contract,

are so drafter that they may be en forced and applied arbitrarily, which he said, was the case with Hageman.

MINCE PIE THE LITTLE OF EVERYTHING.

Hindenburg will continue his drive to-

RABID RUDOLPH SAYS-"News that American hairdressers will invent their own coiffures doesn't interest Kid Gleason and John Rockefeller in

the least." In a pinch, Jack Johnson and Jess Willard can lease the Cambridge-Pennsylvania chess cable.

Chicago sociologists say crowded stree

and send it to Ping Bodie.

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LEAGUE TICKET

a trial with the Griffien, is a teams mate of his. The latter has returned insigned his 1915 Los Angeles contract, and does not seem to be crazy about joining the Angels next summer. Mass agues rays that Calvo is an improved player since Washington fans last saw imming action. His faster, has more allot of inside baseball.

Manager Griffith was gilat to hear the suod news today concerning his young nutfeller, whom he has carried for the small amount of working him into a star.

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methods in vogue at Ardmore, not equaled anywhere else. "In Philadelphia" -evidently the home of this fan-"we don't have to wait so long to find out when the next show is coming. They announce it before the final bout of each show, giving the names of the boxers to be seen. The Ardmore Club, for a little one, handles things pretty well, but they are losing a lot of supporters in not getting busy."

Meanwhile, the long silence of he Ardmore management has unsettled the hopes of local fans in future activities. At considerable expense a new clubhouse was prepared. It was understood that two shows a month were to THE LITTLE OF EVERYTHING.

By "BUGS" BAER.

Clubhouse was prepared. It was understood that two shows a month were to be given, some of the best boxers in the country being brought here for the various exhibitions. Interest in the ring waxed hot in the Capital and every group of men in town was talking of Ardmore and the coming bouts. However, the small crowd out to see Kayo Brennau put Young Herman Miller to have knocked out the management of the club and nothing seems to have knocked out the management of the club and nothing. Strange rumors are being heard, too, concerning the Ardmore Club. It is said that the clubhouse will be closed permanently, no more shows being carded there. One rumor has it that he club is to pass into the hands of new men, who plan to stage good bouts there at regular times, announced beforehand. Still another rumor, which cannot be verified, has it that the recent raid in Anne Arundel county has scared the Ardmore management.

which has been tipped off that arrests may be expected if another

Struggle for the Carpathian passes
suggests that they must be going to
play the Army-Navy game there.

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Eight America picked seven other American League ever opens again or not. Long silence on the part of the management is clubs to finish in back of them this sea-

A baseball statistician digs up a bunch of figures tending to show that the Aemrican League made \$58,000, the National League \$210,000 and the Federal League lost \$175,000 in 1914. Whether or not these figures are correct, cannot be stated absolutely. But if they are even approximately true, the Feds are up against a tough time in 1915, trying to bring back their losses. If the majors have exciting races this season, the profits of the American League will more nearly approach those of the National League. With two strong teams headed for the world's series, interest in the Federal League campaign will hardly set the world ablaze and the Gilmore bunch will face another winter of snowball breakfasts and icide desserts. winter of snowball breakfasts and icicle desserts.

Isn't there some fear that, in all this preparation for the coming George Washington University indoor meet, the Hilltoppers' gathering will be forgotten? This time last year we were being informed of all the star athletes to be seen at the Georgetown meet. For a month or so the Blue and Gray track squad held the center of the page. But this winter we are hearing not a word about the West End lads. What's the matter, you Hilltoppers, are you received to held your appeals. going to hold your annual meet?

"Unconditionally released," is getting to look familiar in the sport pages these days. Most clubs, finding themselves tied up to long-term iron-clad con-tracts calling for larger sums than ever paid before, are lightening ship in the easiest fashion, simply releasing their extra men outright. This enables other clubs wishing them to make new terms, the players losing their high salaries little by little. The players have compelled this state of affairs by chasing the almighty dollar and "the devil take the hindmost." The "devil" is now ea up with the "hindmost." In a year or so he will be up with the leaders.

ALTOONA Ps. Feb. 8.—Tommy Lowe, the Washington, D. C. light-weight who meets Willie Lucas here on the night of February 12 in a ten-round bout, arrived in town today and went

National Commission

To Discuss Draft Rule | Theat, 3 and 1. St. John Wood, Balti-

Tommy Lowe Arrives in
Altoona for His Bout

sult from the session. Chairman Garry
Herrmann admits that the question of
watking the draft rule for the American Association will be discussed. No
decision, however, is expected.

Walter Travis Again Winner at Palm Beach

cers and public places are the cause of crime. They'll never convict the owner of a St. Loosy baseball park on that charge.

Be real sarcastic to cut out the American League schedule for 1915, and send it to Ping Rodie.

bout, arrived in town today and went to the total purch of the total purch of the second time, annexed the Lake Worth golf title by easily defeating Col. J. S. Smith, of Wilming-tone in the finals yesterday. Travis, starting with three 3's, had his opponent 6 down at the turn, the final pount. ponent 6 down at the turn, the final score being 8 and 7.

in the second division H. P. Bingham of Cleveland, won from D. C. Murray, more, won first honors in the third six teen, defeating W. P. Wood, Richmed and L. A. F. Southerland St. Southerland, St

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ocal institutions have been arranged George Washington and Catholic Unifor the seventh annual indoor track versities on the past two night's runmeet of the George Washington University, to be held next Saturday at
Convention Hall.

See Table 18 College will match the liberate for another game tonight at 8:39

Maryland Agricultural College in a onemile event, and a relay race, probably of some distance under a mile, will be staged between the M. A. C. and Gallander and the staged between the staged between the M. A. C. and Gallander and the staged be

laudet.

Another feature of the meet will be a one-mile relay between Johns Hopkins l'University and Lehigh. This number was placed on the program as a substitute for the proposed relay event between Johns Hopkins and Catholic University. Catholic University last night announced it would be unable to compete with the Baltimore institution, as at present the former university also only two trained men available for races greater than a quarter of a mile in length.

The Baltimore Central Y. M. C. A. is desirous of arranging a two-mile relay event with some Washington organization entering the meet. The Baltimoreans already are scheduled to race the Baltimore Cross Country Club, but they would like in addition to compete with some institution representing the National Capital. The organization will send a large contingent to the meet, including George Bacon, T. P. McDonagh, Milton Wagner, Billings, and Mahoney, all well-known Baltimore athetes with enviable records.

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Entries in the meet will number ap-proximately 250, according to a prelimi-mary estimate made today by Prof. Les-championship of the District brought to McNemar, faculty director of a close at the Royal. Kelchner was de-It is not especially desirable to have

"It is not especially desirable to have many more than 250 taking part in the meet." said Prof. McNemar today. "When there is an unwieldy number of entries there usually is much confusion, a loss of time, and a ragged-looking race. It is far better to have a few men in an orderly event than a large number of runners in a crowded, helter-skelter race. The meet not only will be easier for the officials to handle, but will be run more smoothly and to the be run more smoothly and to the greater satisfaction of the audience if the number of entries is limited to about 250."

Eastern Club Will Not Play in Potomac Ranks

The Eastern Athletic Association has withdrawn its team from the Potomac Baseball League. Last season this team you the championship in this league. out according to Manager Kelly it will he impossible to place a team on the field this year. President James W. Marbury, of the league, states that several good teams had made application for membership and that the vacancy would be filled in the near future.

The club will give its annual enter-taintnent and smoker in the Musonic tainment and smoker in the Masonic Hall on February 15. Manager Clark Cliffith, of the Nationals, together with other players, have signified their intention of being present. The club has an opportunity to secure a sliver loving cup to present to the winning team, and it is likely the offer will be accepted.

Company L Victorious. Company L took the measure of the Naval Battalion in the D. C. N. G. Bas-tetball League last night by a score of 3 to 17. Scott was the best shooter.

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LESLIE NUNAMAKER CERTAIN OF BERTH

Big Backstop Has Long-Term Contract With Yanks at Fancy Salary, He Says.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Feb. 6.-Catcher estle Nunamaker, of the New York Americans, joined the spa's rapidly growing baseball colony today "Thanks to Frank Chance I signed four years' contract with the New Yorks four years contract with the New Yorks last fall at \$6,000 per season." said Nunsmaker. "The ten-day clause was stricken out. I also had it inserted in the document that no matter where the York club should let me come here for three weeks early work. So I'm here to take off some twenty pounds. I weigh 214 now, and will be in trim for active work at the Savannah camp."

"Y" Team to Play.

The Washington Y. M. C. A. team will play the West Branch team, of Baltimore, at the Y. M. C. A. tonight at 8:30 in a game expected to be closely contested throughout. Washington won by four points in the last engagement. Armstrong will referee.

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